GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTH FACILITIES TO DAMAN & DIU
DAHYA BHAI V. PATEL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have released Rs. 50 lakhs for providing health facilities and welfare of the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in Daman and Diu;

(b) whether there are only 10-20 people in Daman and Diu who are living Below Poverty Line as per the definition of Below Poverty Line adopted by the Government as a result of which this amount have remained unutilised;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to issue instructions to the Union Territory administration to utilise this amount for the welfare of those poor sections who are not covered under BPL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): Government have released Rs.50 lakhs to UT Administration of Daman & Diu under National illness Assistance Fund to provide necessary financial assistance to patients living in Daman & Diu Below Poverty Line who are suffering from major life threatening diseases, for their hospitalization and treatment at any of the superspeciality hospital/Institute or other Government hospitals. The outlay will not be utilised for any other purpose than stated above.

(b): As per information available there are 18,000 persons in Daman & Diu which constitute 15.08% of the total population who are Below Poverty Line.

(c)&(d): In view of the specific purpose mentioned in (a) above, there is no proposal to issue the instructions to UT of Daman & Diu to utilise this amount for any other purpose.